

To W. L. G. or J. May, Jr.

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My dear Sir - Mr. Chapin says, in reply to y^r application to him to speak at y^r Anniversary, that he is very busy, - that he has declined to speak for y^r other Socy. - &c. &c. - in short, he won't. The refusal was civil which was all we could expect of him.

From Mr. Becker I am not yet able to get an answer, but I think he will decline. Mr. Hull was willing even to ask him,

as he seemed to think it too
much to ask of him, & that
it would pain him to give
a negative reply which he
was ^{not} compelled to make.

Yrs much.

S. R. Gay

April 25th.